

WALKER CHARGES RUSK IS PART OF RING PROMOTING NO-WIN POLICY

Ex-General Names Walt Rostow as In- fluential Also in Se- cret Apparatus Advo- cating 'Soft' Line.

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WASHINGTON, April 5 —
Former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker charged today that Secretary of State Dean Rusk is soft on Communism.

He told a Senate armed services subcommittee that Rusk and Walt W. Rostow, chairman of the policy planning committee of the State Department, are influential in a hidden apparatus of high-level government officials who, Walker asserted, are secretly advocating a soft line toward Communism.

Walker's attack on Rusk and Rostow followed his criticism yesterday of Adam Yarmolinsky, special assistant to Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara. He declared that Yarmolinsky's "connections with Communism certainly have been close and his activities certainly have aided Communism."

Walker, who quit the Army last November after he had been administrated and removed from command for allegedly seeking to influence his troops politically, spent an hour and a half testifying before the subcommittee on his own request.

He attacked several agencies. He spent part of the day testifying a statement of the Central Intelligence Agency, the State Department, the National Security Council, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the proposal for cooperation between the United States and the Soviet Union in exploration of outer space and "other lying testimony" he gave yesterday. These apparently were the matters he wanted to discuss in his testimony before the subcommittee last night that he had several topics he wanted to present to them.

When reporters sought Rusk's reaction, the Secretary said Walker's allegations against him was "not worthy of comment." As for Rostow, Rusk said, "I'm happy to be linked with Mr. Rostow. He is an able and close colleague."

The crowd that turned out for today's hearing was smaller than yesterday's, when the Senate campus room was filled. Walker again testified in a firm, rather grating voice, giving long answers.

After the subcommittee adjourned, Walker punched a newspaper reporter, Tom Kelly, of the Washington Daily News, when Kelly attempted to ask him a question. Walker, who is considerably taller than Kelly, struck the reporter lightly alongside the left eye. Kelly said he was not hurt.

Kelly said he had asked Walker about comments by George Lincoln Rockwell, head of the self-styled American Nazi party, praising Walker.

Walker contended that Kelly had tried to push him around. Kelly denied this.

'No-Win Policy'

In his attack on Rusk and Rostow, Walker charged that the Secretary of State is implementing "a no-win, collaborationist, soft-on-Communism policy" being followed by the State Department. He was critical of some of the previous allegations of Rusk and Rostow.

Despite repeated questioning, the witness named no other officials who are connected with the alleged apparatus that he said is secretly promoting a policy of softness toward Communism. The other names are available in congressional committee records, he said.

Walker said that he questioned the views of Rusk and Rostow with respect to our constitutional system, our sovereignty, our security and our independence. He expressed the view that members of the alleged apparatus are "willing to 'sell out' American traditions, heritage and rights."

The former Army commander placed Rusk and Rostow with the late Senator Joseph McCarthy, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, the late Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal and Moise Tshombe, leader of the Congolese government, as members of the "ring." All of the members have been named by the United States as traitors or accomplices in Communism.

Denounces Hammarhjold

In an extension of the attacks he made yesterday, Walker today accused the late Dag Hammarskjold, secretary general of the United Nations, of being Red. He charged the Central Intelligence Agency with shaping its intelligence estimates to fit the policy of the State Department. He denounced recent moves by President Kennedy looking forward toward peaceful co-operation with the Soviet Union in exploring outer space.

Walker told the subcommittee that the only reason the United States is threatened on the international scene is that it has been infiltrated, disunited and our causes and purposes have been intentionally headed in many and various directions.

He urged that military officers follow "a hard-line Communist approach" in addressing civilian and military audiences. He said the military has a responsibility to inform the public "of the enemy, his debauchery and method."

Questioning brought out that Walker has read none of the books by five authors whom he criticized yesterday on the ground that their writings "implicitly encourage accommodations with the enemy."

He asserted that he is "skeptical" of training films and other material produced by the Defense Department, claiming that the department is following a soft line on Communism.

Refers to Hiss

Senator Howard W. Cannon (Dem., Nevada) challenged Walker to name Communists who had infiltrated the government and the army.

"I believe we caught only one, Hiss," Walker replied.

This was a reference to Alger Hiss, former State Department official who was convicted of perjury for denying that he gave secrets to a Red espionage ring.

Walker mentioned also three persons named in the McCarthy investigations of alleged Red infiltration into the government in the early 1950s.

He said he had been accused of calling some people Communists. Walker said that this was "not true because I reserve the right to call them something worse—traitors."

The committee adjourned after Walker's appearance. It is to hear two military representatives tomorrow in a discussion of military intelligence operations and public seminars.

Yarmolinsky, when asked by the Post-Dispatch about Walker's statements about his Communist connection, he said he has long opposed Communism.

"My record shows that exactly the opposite of what Gen. Walker said is true," Yarmolinsky replied.

Walker told the committee yesterday that he and the American way of life are victims of an "unwritten policy of collaboration and collusion with the international Communist conspiracy."

Asked by Senator Stuart Symington (Dem.), Missouri, for names of those advocating this policy, Walker, who resigned from the Army after he had been reprimanded and removed from command for allegedly seeking to exert political influence on his troops, replied:

"I have several in mind. I would point out particularly Adam Yarmolinsky and I would mention also Arthur Sylvester, (assistant secretary of defense for public affairs)."

Asked whether he would include

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